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BACK TO SCHOOL TUESDAY for pupils means lots of preparation by teachers. This week principal G. W. McKenzie, vice principal Doug Copeland and new teacher Mrs. Terry Masales from Lakeshore Teachers' College check over the routine for the term.

New addition ready at Christian school

The recently opened Georgetown District Christian School has added a staff member to cope with increased enrolment. There are expected to be about 120 boys and girls at the school, 35 of them from Acton. Number of registrations on opening day may be even higher, principal J. Petrusma of Georgetown says. Other staff members are Miss A. Baker, Miss I. Antonides and J. Troust. The course of education at this school is "God-centred" and covers the same curriculum as the regular public schools. Most students attend the Christian Reformed Church. Most of the students are of Dutch descent. While the staff members have also been of Dutch origin until now, the new teacher is of Scottish descent. She is Miss Westman, a graduate of teachers' college. All the lessons are in English. A new two-room addition is ready now, making five classrooms. The school is located on the seventh line west of Georgetown. Principal Petrusma was principal of Avimco Christian school for ten years before coming here. The past year was the first of operation for the school here. Last year's grade eight gradu-

ates of the Christian school went on to Woodbridge Christian high school.

600 in Nassagaweya schools open portable at Brookville

Over 600 pupils are expected in Nassagaweya Township schools next week and to assist in accommodating the children, a new portable classroom will be opened at Brookville. This year something else new will be added, when a half time rotary system of teaching Geography, History, Science, Guidance, Creative English, Music, Physical Education and Art is started for Grades 7 and 8. Again, as last year, morning and afternoon kindergarten will be held at Brookville, and a morning kindergarten at Campbellville. Returning to Brookville Public School are K. E. Towbridge, as principal, L. E. Duffield, as vice principal, J. W. Zehr, H. P. Mahato, Mrs. Florence Parsons, Mrs. Nancy Lethead, Miss Alice Sherwood, Mrs. Victoria James, Mrs. Judith (Wessinger) Glanville, Mrs. Helen Barnett, and new teachers Mrs. Betty Dredge,

Free Press Feature Page Expect 4,089 pupils back to school when classes begin Tuesday morning

Over 4089 pupils go back to school in this district and close to 1,430 in Acton alone this coming Tuesday. Record high enrolment is expected everywhere but principals and staff members are prepared for the large flow of traffic opening day. Board members have ironed out bus routes although there is still a possibility of further changes. Acton high school expects to draw close to 435 students, the Robert Little school with the use of three rooms in the old Stone School will handle 580 pupils and the M. Z. Bennett school expects over 415 pupils. Brookville school in Nassagaweya Township expects an enrolment of 600 pupils. Esqueing schools about 1,300 pupils and Eramosa schools about 700 pupils, not all in this district. The Sunshine school at Hornby expects about 24 pupils with some from the Acton area and the Georgetown District Christian school expects 120 pupils with 35 from Acton. As usual some leave town for city schools or private schools while others will be attending universities or technical schools.

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High School

With Roberts' streaming system well-established and a new progressive six-day cycle being instituted, the 25 on the staff of Acton district high school Tuesday will find the mechanics of operation all ready for the beginning of the academic term. There was a slight drop in enrolment last year to 413, but a record 435 are expected. Staff is increased one this year from an even two dozen to 25. Nine of the teachers are new, and Michael Bevan is back after a year's exchange teaching in England. Most of the teachers are experienced. An innovation will be the so-called "six-day cycle" (which DOESN'T involve any classes on Saturdays). The schedule will operate exactly as outlined for six days in succession and then return to the first day's classes. Then, when a holiday intervenes, classes will continue on the same schedule a day later. There will be seven periods a day rather than nine; in the long run this saves considerable time for each subject as there are fewer class changes. The six-day cycle has been used in other schools and found very successful. "It solves some problems," Mr. Hansen says. "It's a progressive step." Caretakers will change numbers in the hall which will show the pupils which day's schedule is in operation throughout the school. Master-planning the schedule is all done and it's ready for the first day's lessons. Principal Ted Hansen points out that most of the changes following the institution of streaming here are concluded. The four year business and commerce course is now entering grade 11, and this was the last course to continue through. By next year all the various courses will be in operation in all grades throughout the school. With four-year stream and five year stream and special commercial, there are naturally more classes than there would have been with a straight five year academic course as before the Roberts' changes. This fall there are five grade nines, four grade 10s, four grade 11s, four grade 12s, and one grade 13. "We are again recommending uniforms for the students," Mr. Hansen reminds the young people and their parents. The idea, which initially found wide favor, was instituted last year, but not followed faithfully by all the students. Neither the school nor the board has the authority to insist uniforms be worn, but they are "strongly recommended." They may be seen in local stores; they consist of grey skirt or trousers, red blazer or sweater, white blouse or shirt. Parents feel they definitely save money by clothing. Competition in dress would be eliminated, and school spirit would improve. "It adds a lot," adds Mr. Hansen. During the summer a new phone system was installed. The high school has two lines, with phones in the main office and guidance office linked. The new \$850 sports inner, purchased by the student council, is being installed this week in the auditorium. Text books in all grades are supplied. With Ted Hansen as principal, Joe Bray is vice-principal and

department head in science. Bill Coates returns as head of the math department, teaching math and physics. Ross Lambourn comes back as head of the English department. After seven years away, Mrs. Marion Reed returns from East York Collegiate to head the French department. She lives in the family home at Norval. Ted Curtis, who is assistant department head in science, took a summer course in Guelph. Married during the summer vacation, Mrs. Margit (Juhase) Laslo will again take guidance and some geography. After a summer course James Holmes will be back to teach English. Ian McGillivray, who took an OCE summer course, will teach commercial for his second year. Mrs. Luba Medicki, who lives on Mill St., returns to teach history. Mrs. Karen Walker will teach French and be in charge of the library. Patrick Sullivan will again teach commercial. Clarence Rognvaldson will now teach industrial arts exclusively. Oscar Drijber will again teach mathematics and Ron McCallum boys' physical education. There are nine new teachers joining the staff, some of them teaching for their first year. It's "welcome home" to boys' physical education teacher Bruce Andrews, who has just graduated from Seton Hall, South Orange, New Jersey, and taken a summer course at OCE in Toronto. He will also teach a little geography. Mr. Andrews, son of Mrs. Gwen Andrews, Mason Blvd., went to high school here himself. Mrs. Shirley Brown, who taught last year in Guelph, will be teaching maths and science. Her husband attends university in Guelph. A husband-and-wife team coming here are Paul Martindale, head of the geography department, and Mrs. Olga Martindale, who will teach Spanish and Latin. They taught previously at Hanover, and took summer courses. They expect to live in town. Mrs. J. Sutherland, who has business experience, has taken a summer course and will begin her teaching career in the commercial classes here. She comes from Grand Valley. Miss Carla Van der Pijl of Guelph begins teaching English here, after a summer course. Mrs. Dina Huoniken, who has just obtained her degree at the University of Waterloo, will be teaching German and history. She has taught on Saturdays at the German language school in Guelph. Mrs. Barbara Davis of Ottawa, who graduated from the University of Guelph, will teach home economics. Miss Elizabeth Atkey, who took the recreation course at the University of Guelph and was with the recreation program in Guelph this past summer, will teach girls' physical education. In the office there will be the same two secretaries, Miss Allan Tandler and Mrs. Bill Pendleton. Caretakers again are Rudolph Spryvelog, Ken McKinnon and Norm Robertson.

Miss Donna Farrelly grade two; Miss Jean McDonald grade one and Mrs. Kathleen Alger grade one. Glenn Banks is music supervisor. The school secretary is again Mrs. Lil Williams. During the summer the wooden desks were refinished and some exterior painting was done. The front hall ceiling and four classrooms were painted. The usual general summer housecleaning readied all the school for classes.

Robert Little

Enrolment is expected to increase by about 40 at the Robert Little public school this coming year. Principal G. W. McKenzie says he thinks there will be 580 boys and girls in the school compared to 540 last year but the figure may be even higher. As well as the 580 Acton children, there will be two classes of Speyside students in the stone school. The past year, there was just one class from Speyside with Mrs. Elmer Smith as teacher. The new addition at Speyside school is not yet completed. Both grades five and six will be coming to Acton meanwhile. In the stone school as well will be the library and the special class. The rooms are now all tiled. During the summer, three rooms were redecorated and the floors tiled. There are 16 classrooms in the main school, three in the stone school, and the shop and home economics rooms. The increase in number of students is spread throughout the grades and the number of teachers has not increased. There are six teachers leaving and six new teachers. All but one of the new teachers are experienced. Principal McKenzie will teach mathematics. Vice-principal Pong Copeland, B.A., will teach science and maths in grades seven and eight. Glenn Banks returns as music supervisor. Replacing home economics teacher Mrs. June Duberthien is Mrs. M. A. Gallagher, who will teach at Stewarttown and Pineview respectively. They taught last year at Garson. Mrs. Donna Bateman from Toronto and Mrs. Christel Hines from Hamilton, both at Speyside; Robert Clint and Mrs. Patricia Parry, just graduated from Teachers' College at Glen Williams and Milton Heights; and Miss J. Evers, formerly of Burlington, at Norval. Ronald Chatten of North York will be the new principal at Stewarttown, replacing Robertson Gibbons, who has a new position in Breslay. Complete teachers' list follows:

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ADVANCE REGISTRATION at both public schools Tuesday and Wednesday drew a large crowd of children and parents. Many were newcomers to town while others were families which had moved from one end of town to the other which means children will attend a different school this year. Principal Elmer Smith takes down details from Mrs. Al Green as her daughter Janet listens in. Janet attended the Robert Little School last year and will enter grade three at the M. Z. Bennett school Tuesday.

All is in readiness in Esqueing Township

Esqueing Township's seven public schools are ready for the fall onslaught of pupils, with their full complement of teachers. This year for the first time, the position of co-ordinating principal has been created. Eric Balkind, principal of Linthouse school, has been chosen for this position by the school board. Gordon Bassett, who formerly taught at Amherstburg, will be vice-principal at Linthouse, as well as principal's relief at Speyside. Other new teachers this fall are Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gardiner, who will teach at Stewarttown and Pineview respectively. They taught last year at Garson. Mrs. Donna Bateman from Toronto and Mrs. Christel Hines from Hamilton, both at Speyside; Robert Clint and Mrs. Patricia Parry, just graduated from Teachers' College at Glen Williams and Milton Heights; and Miss J. Evers, formerly of Burlington, at Norval. Ronald Chatten of North York will be the new principal at Stewarttown, replacing Robertson Gibbons, who has a new position in Breslay. Complete teachers' list follows:

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Expect 700 pupils in Eramosa to start classes September 6

Returning to classes in Eramosa Township this term will be 700 pupils who will take classes in four schools. Enrolment is up from 641 pupils who attended last year. Enrolment at the Rockwood public school is expected to be 332 which shows a marked increase from last year. Two portable classrooms are under construction at the Rockwood school to be used temporarily until a new 13-room school plant is completed. A new general purpose room is expected to be opened in September 1967. At the Eramosa seven-room school enrolment is expected at 240 pupils, the Four Corners school with two rooms expects an enrolment next Tuesday of 64 pupils while Eden Mills' two-room school will house 64 pupils opening day. The teaching staff next fall will include: Eugene Corner, principal; Mrs. Florence Handley, principal and Mrs. Lois Lewis. Eden Mills school — Mrs. Marion Tumball, principal and Mrs. Mary Farris. Rockwood public school — Gary McLean, B.A. principal; Ronald McLean, co-ordinating principal; Mrs. Gloria Bruce, Miss Marie Gagnon, Mrs. Elizabeth Hanson, Mrs. Violet Krampe, Robert Love, Mrs. Joyce M. McCall, Mrs. June Meadows and Mrs. Eloise Waton. Eramosa Public School — Ronald Martin, principal; Miss Marion Dennis, Mrs. Irene Hudek, Mrs. Jean Jackson, Mrs. Carole Schmidt, James Sparks and Miss Nellie Stinson. Remedial teacher will be Clifford E. Hucks and music supervisor, Mrs. Roberta Hoy.

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Expect 24 at Sunshine
Twenty-four children, four more than last year, will begin classes at Sunshine School at Hornby on Tuesday. Mrs. Gwen Lettens will be school principal as Sunshine starts its 11th year. Mrs. Jean Mitchell and Mrs. Donna Hancock will be teachers and as well, there will be several volunteer workers helping out. Both Mrs. Lettens and Mrs. Mitchell took a summer course on teaching retarded children at York University. Rev. M. Christensen will drive the children to school each day in the school bus.

M.Z. Bennett
Increased enrolment is anticipated for the 12 room M.Z. Bennett school next Tuesday. The 388 pupils of last June may be up to 415 this year. Principal Elmer Smith and vice principal Walter Dumois, both will teach grades seven and eight on the rotary system. A graduate of Acton high school and teachers' college, Mrs. Karin Heller will begin her teaching career in the kindergarten at the M.Z.B. school. Garry Bateman is returning to Acton after two years in Fergus. He was at the Robert Little school before leaving. He will teach grade six. All the other teachers are returning to the staff. Earl Brars and Mrs. Arlene Bruce will teach grades seven and eight on the rotary system. Ed Leatherland will teach grades five and six; Miss Doris Lerch will teach grades four and five; Mrs. Glenda Benton grade three and four; Miss Fern Small grades two and three;